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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following comments. A request for a one month extension of time has been included with a Notice of Appeal simultaneously filed under separate cover letter herewith, thereby extending the period of response to March 21, 2001.

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**Remarks**

Claims 22-38 remain pending in this application.

In the final rejection, the Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 22, 23, 26, 29-31, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,197,395 to Pigott et al (hereinafter "Pigott") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,868,080 to Wyler et al (hereinafter "Wyler") and U.S. Patent No. 4,522,009 to Fingerson; and the rejection of claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 32, and 33, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Pigott in view

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